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Chapter 3 - Care of Indigent Persons

□Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act

Section 64 - Applicability of Act - Responsibilities of Hospitals and Clinics Participating in Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act

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A. The Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act shall not apply to state or federally operated medical institutions except the State of Oklahoma Medical Center and the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs.

Hospitals and clinics participating in the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act shall have the following responsibilities:

- 1. Implement the screening criteria and procedures and comply with such other eligibility criteria for participation in the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act established pursuant to the provisions of Section 63 of this title.
- 2. In addition to or as part of other reports required by law or by the rules and regulations of the **State Board of Health**, annually submit to the **State Department of Health** reports and data documenting:
- a. the total amount of health care costs incurred by the hospital or clinic for medical indigents,
- b. total patient charges by the hospital or clinic for medical indigents,
- c. the patient mix including, but not limited to, the number of indigent persons served as measured by hospital patient days or clinic encounters as appropriate, and
- d. such other information and in such form as may be required by the State Department of Health pursuant to the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act.

Such documentation shall indicate that the person served or the party responsible for such person meets the criteria established by the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act. Such documentation shall also be specific as to the county of residence of the person served. These records shall be available to the public upon request.

- B. Clinics shall submit to the Department of Human Services necessary information to certify eligible clinic status pursuant to Section 58 of this title.
- C. The State Department of Health shall forward copies of such documentation to the Department of Human Services as necessary for use by the Department in determining the eligibility of a hospital or a clinic for reimbursement pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act. The State Department of Health and the Department of Human Services shall cooperate for the purpose of coordinating the reports and documentation required by the Oklahoma Indigent Health Care Act, and ensuring the timely transmission of said reports and documentation between, said agencies.
- D. The State Department of Health may expand or modify the reporting requirements of hospitals and establish reporting requirements for clinics as necessary to complete the study required by Section 66.2 of this title.

Historical Data

Laws 1984, HB 1802, c. 294, § 8, eff. November 1, 1984; Amended by Laws 1987, HB 1451, c. 192, § 6, eff. November 1, 1987; Amended by Laws 1988, HB 1784, c. 15, § 1, emerg. eff. March 15, 1988; Amended by Laws 1988, HB 1631, c. 326, § 7, emerg. eff. July 13, 1988; Amended by Laws 1989, HB 1249, c. 227, § 4; Amended by Laws 1992, HB 2395, c. 312, § 1, eff. September 1, 1992.

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